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EASTMAN'S ANNUAL SEED CATALOGUE

The Eastman Seed Co.
East Sumner, Maine

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

of past years, who have by their continued patronage helped to make our business a success, we extend our acknowledgments.

Our "Pine Tree State Seeds," many of them of our own growing, have won for themselves, an enviable name wherever used. We solicit the continued custom of the seed-buying public, and promise to deserve it by exercising the same care as heretofore in the growth and dissemination of our seeds.

WE WARRANT

our seeds to be exactly as represented to the extent of refilling the order gratis, to the same value, should there be just cause for dissatisfaction.

EXTRA SEEDS

may be selected BY THE PACKET to the amount of 20 CENTS for every full dollar remitted. On all general orders, seeds to the full amount of the actual remittance may be either by the packet or by the pound, ounce, quart, etc., but the EXTRA SEEDS must be BY THE PACKET ONLY.

The only exception to this offer is on orders consisting almost wholly of high priced seed in quantity, such as onion seed by the pound, peas by the bushel, etc.

WE PAY THE POSTAGE

on seeds by mail at list prices. Seeds by express are at expense of purchaser.

HOW TO SEND MONEY

Sums of over one dollar may be sent at our risk by postoffice money order, express order, bank draft or registered letter. One dollar or less may be sent at our risk in a securely sealed letter, plainly addressed to

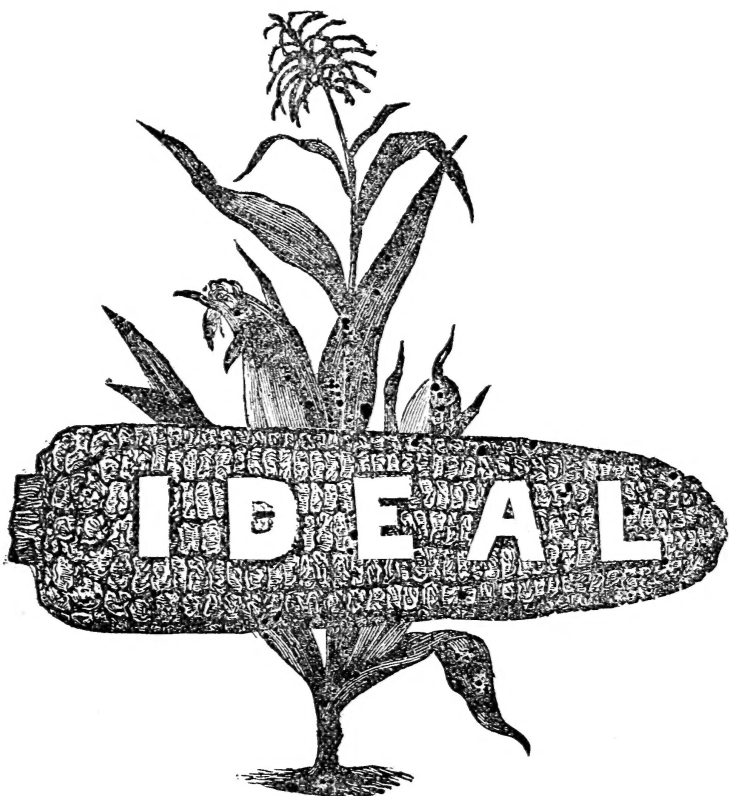
THE EASTMAN SEED CO., East Sumner, Maine

SPECIALTIES

EASTMAN'S "IDEAL" SWEET CORN

NOVELTY FOR 1909

Never have we offered a new vegetable with more confidence than we now have in introducing our new creation in Sweet Corn, which we have christened the IDEAL.



Several years ago we started to originate a sweet corn to follow Eastman's Early. We desired something to be ready for the table as soon as that variety was past its prime, and to surpass it in every

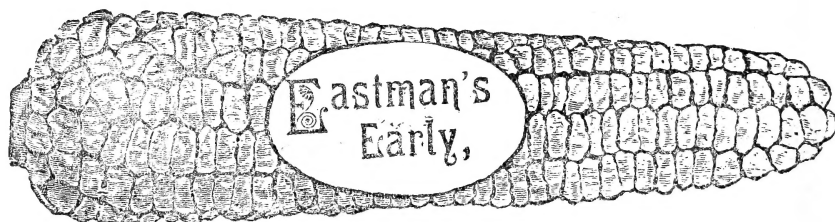
point except earliness. From the entire year's crop of our old favorite we selected a single ear as coming nearest to the type we had in mind. This we crossed on the seed of as carefully a selected ear of Early Crosby. By repeated selection and plantings of the resulting crop, we have fixed the type we had in view, and now offer it for the first time to our customers.

The IDEAL closely follows Eastman's Early in point of maturity, possesses the sweetness of the Crosby, and is more prolific than either. The ears are twelve to sixteen rowed, of good size, and all that can be desired for quality. We predict for it a leading place as a market variety.

Our stock is limited, and to give as many as possible an opportunity of testing it this season, we shall limit sales to one pint to any one purchaser. Should the supply be likely to become exhausted, we may later restrict sales to the small packets.

Per pint 50 cts.; half-pint, 30 cts.; pkt. 10 cts.

EASTMAN'S EARLY SWEET CORN



Eastman's Early Sweet Corn still holds the lead in earliness. Although every few years some new variety has been offered that is claimed to be from a week to ten days ahead of anything else, when tested on our grounds they have invariably been outstripped by Eastman's Early planted alongside. It is the finest flavored of the extra early varieties, and outyields every other early kind we have tested, two good ears on a stalk being common when it is given plenty of room. It has white kernels and a pure white cob. During all the years our customers have planted it we do not recall a single unfavorable report, and the demand for it steadily increases.

Our sales of Eastman's Early exceed that of all other varieties of sweet corn combined.

Per. qt. 40 cts., (30 cents by express;) pkt. 5 cts.

Eastman's Early, Extra Selected. It has always been our practice to go through our field of Eastman's Early each year and select the first and best ears for our own seed stock, thereby perpetuating and accentuating its leading characteristic of superlative earliness. The past few seasons we have made a little more thorough selection and harvest of the first-fruits, and offer it at a slight advance in price to such of our customers as prefer to pay a little more for the probable gain of a few days in time of maturity.

Per qt. 50 cts. (40 by express); pkt. 10 cts.

What Others Say

At N. H. Experiment Station, in a field test of 41 varieties, EASTMAN'S EARLY took the lead in earliness, yield and quality.

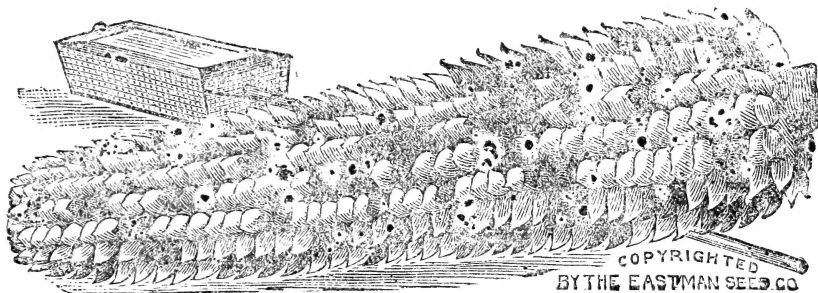
In U. S. Dep't of Agriculture tests, with Cory, Peep O' Day, Golden Buntan, etc., in comparison, EASTMAN'S EARLY led all other varieties in earliness.

Eden Trial Grounds, Raynham, Mass. Dec. 19, 1908.

Your Re-Selected EASTMAN'S EARLY Sweet Corn is the earliest sweet corn, beating Peep O' Day the last two years by a week or more. It is a Sweet Corn, also a heavy cropper, 3 to 5 ears on many stalks every year. I had everything known in the sweet corn line for trial this year, but nothing proved as early yours.

(Rev.) J. R. LAWRENCE.

TATTOOED YANKEE POP CORN



This curiously marked pop corn has proved one of the most taking novelties we ever put out. It is of the "rice" or "squirrel tooth" type; the colors, golden yellow and tattoo black, are in such marked contrast as everywhere to attract attention. Its fine appearance, superior quality for popping, earliness and large yield, admirably fit it for a market variety, as has been demonstrated. It is also just the thing to take the premiums at the fairs in the fall. Our artist has endeavored to show its peculiar appearance as far as possible in black and white on a reduced scale.

Per qt. 50 cts.; pkt. 5 cts.



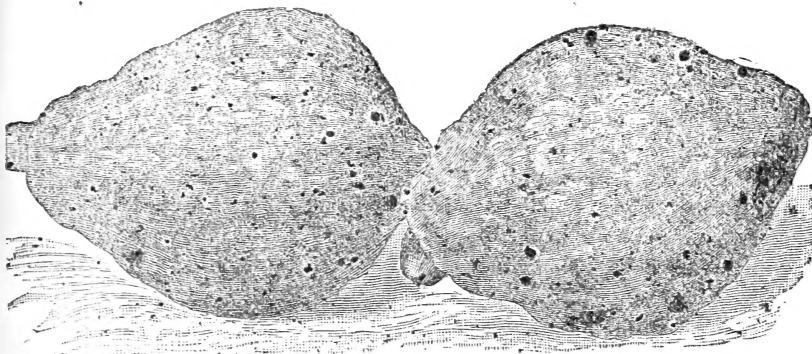
GOLDEN HYBRID SWEET CORN

This cross between the sweet and field varieties of corn retains the general appearance of the former and the color of the latter, and combines the sweetness of the one with the richness of the other, producing a combination of flavor which lead many who have tried it to regard it as the finest table variety in existence. Its beauty as well as its flavor recommends it to notice, the finest effect being produced by a dish made up of alternate ears of the Golden Hybrid and one of the white varieties.

This variety was introduced by us some years ago and proved a favorite. One season our entire crop was cut off, and we were obliged to withdraw it from our catalogue, but are pleased to give it a place again.

Per quart postpaid, 60 cents; per pkt. 5 cts.

METCALF SQUASH



In yield the Metcalf outstrips every other variety of table squash. It has been for years the local favorite in the vicinity of Lewiston, in this State, nearly driving other varieties out of the markets of that city during the fall and early winter. It closely resembles the well-known Boston Marrow, with the good points of that popular variety intensified, differing from it, however, in being more uniformly of a deep rich orange, in growing somewhat more irregular in shape, and in having, in many specimens, a decidedly rough exterior, and a somewhat thicker skin. It possesses all the characteristics of a good market variety for fall and early winter use, being productive, of good market size, and of superior quality.

Per lb. \$ 1.00; 1-4 lb. 30 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; pkt. 5 c.

BRIGHT AND EARLY TOMATO

Not only the earliest of all tomatoes, but the best combination of earliness, yield and quality yet attained in this vegetable. It is fast becoming the leading early tomato for home use and for early market. We have repeatedly tried it in comparison with the leading early varieties, and the BRIGHT AND EARLY has invariably been first to ripen. Extensive tests elsewhere point in the same direction. One market gardener reports that with him it was two weeks ahead of any other variety, over fifty kinds being tested.

The form of the BRIGHT and EARLY is nearly round, somewhat flattened, with smooth surface, free from irregularities. Color is a fine, deep, handsome red, very uniform in shade. The skin is firm and free from cracks, the flesh solid



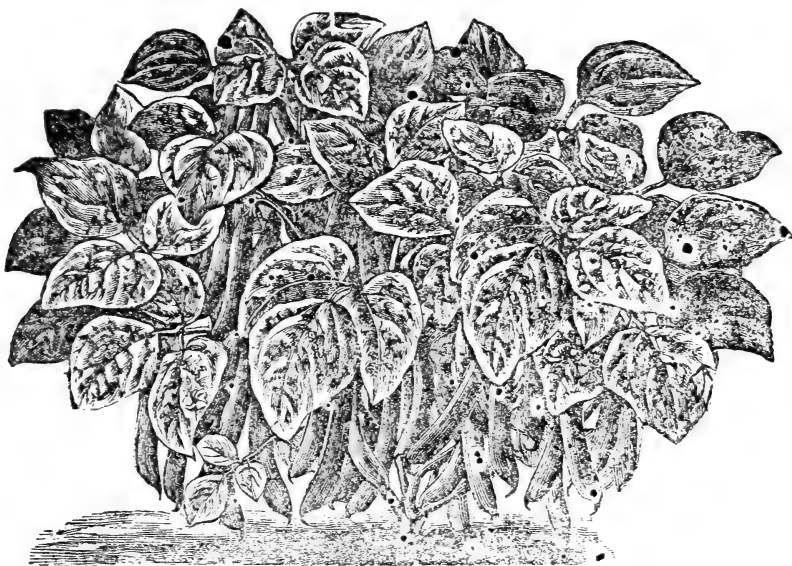
and of the finest flavor. While some large specimens are produced, the average size is slightly below medium. But whatever is lacking in size of the individual fruit is more than made up in the immense clusters in which they are borne. In ordinary field culture on an extensive scale they have yielded with us at the rate of over five hundred bushels of ripe fruit to the acre. The profusion of fruitage in the height of the season has been the wonder and admiration of every visitor to our grounds.

Per oz. 50 cts.: pkt, 5 cts.

Bright and Early, Extra Selected. From our field of seed tomatoes we each season pick at rate of four or five bushels to the acre of earliest ripe fruit, the seed of which should give a little better results in earliness than the general run of the crop.

Per pkt. 10 cts.

LIGHTNING BEAN



This grand variety was introduced by us in 1893 as the quickest bean on record from planting to the table. Lovers of green beans, either string or shell, who wish to hasten the season should plant the Lightning. Planted side by side with other extra early varieties, we have yet to hear of the instance where it has failed to exceed them all in earliness, while in its season its quality is excellent. It should be closely watched when the beans begin to form, as a very few days from the blossom will give pods suitable for string beans. At this stage of their growth they are very tender and of rich flavor. But they keep right on growing, and in a few days more the pods have toughened, and not long after they are fit for shelling. It exactly resembles the old Early Fegee in appearance, but comes into bearing fully two weeks ahead of that variety.

Per qt. 50 cts. (35 cts. by express); pkt. 10c.

GOOD SEEDS and
GOOD Culture insure **We** will furnish
GOOD Crops. the
GOOD SEEDS

GRANITE STATE MUSK MELON

This fine melon, first introduced by us as the earliest of all varieties, has proved an acquisition indeed to all lovers of this wholesome and luscious fruit. In all of our own trials for ten years as well as in the reported trials year by year from our customers, it has in every instance ripened ahead of all other kinds on trial, so that we can confidently recommend it as the earliest melon in cultivation. The fruit is large, oblong, deeply ribbed, greenish yellow when ripe, while the flesh is very thick, melting, and richly flavored. Cut in wide slices, lightly sprinkled with sugar and eaten with a spoon, it is simply delicious.

We hoped for an abundant supply of seed this year, and never had a better stand of plants than last season. Early in the summer, however, our melon plot met with disaster, which nearly ruined the crop and we can again this year offer it only by the small packet.

Per pkt. 10 cts.

PURITY CUCUMBER

Starting with one of the tender foreign varieties of white cucumber, we spent several years in improving and acclimating it, and in 1900 first offered it under the name of Purity. While pre-eminently an exhibition variety, it is in its early stages unsurpassed for the table, crisp, tender, of the mildest flavor, which we have never known to be tainted with the slightest hint of bitterness. We do not recommend it however for a general crop, but for limited family use and exhibition purposes. It is now thoroughly Americanized, and may be depended on under ordinary conditions to produce a crop of the fairest and purest cucumbers imaginable, many specimens from two feet upwards in length. No variety equals it for ripe cucumber sweet pickles. It bears but few seeds, consequently must always be higher priced than the common sorts.

Per packet. 10 cts.

SWEET CORN IN 78 DAYS

Berlin, N. H., July 28, 1909.

I had corn for dinner to-day from your seed planted May 11th. This beats my previous record, and my neighbors are a little in doubt, although some of them saw me pick the corn.

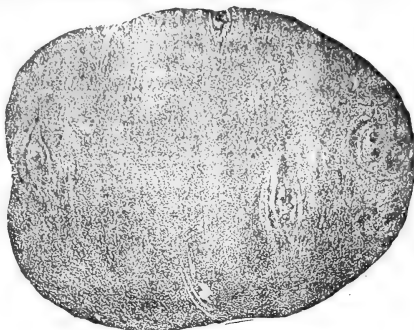
Yours truly,

A. E. BEAN.

Above result was with EASTMAN'S EARLY. See pages 2 and 3.

OUR NEW POTATO

"Farmer's Friend"



This potato, first put out by us as the "Nameless," was given its present name by vote of our customers. Its ten points of excellence, as set forth in our introduction are as follows:

1. Extreme earliness.
2. Vigor of growth.
3. Ability to withstand disease.
4. Productiveness.
5. Uniformity of size, and small proportion of undersize.
6. Fine shape—nearly globular.
7. Beauty of color,—pure white, with little splashes of red, especially about the eyes.
8. Superior table quality, either baked or boiled.
9. Long keeping characteristics.
10. The happy combination of all these points in one variety, making it an A 1 all round potato.

Mr. Willis G. Jones of Connecticut, at whose suggestion Farmer's Friend was given a place among the names from which the final selection was made, writes:

Your Nameless Potato is all you claim of it. I planted eleven kinds in one row. Nine of them rotted badly, yours and one other did not rot at all. What the farmers want now is a round white or netted potato to take the place of the red Stray Beauty. Round potatoes take the place of long ones in my market. The "Nameless" fills the place, that is why I named it **FARMER'S FRIEND**

By Express: Per bu., \$3.50; peck: \$1.00.

By Mail, postpaid: Per lb., 25 c.; tuber, 10 c.

AUNT DORCAS' FLOWER SEEDS

A collection of many varieties mixed together for a wild garden, named for a dear old lady whose flower garden, in her day, was the admiration of her neighbors.

Per large pkt., 10 cts.

GENERAL LIST OF GARDEN VEGETABLES

ASPARAGUS

	Per lb.	1-4 lb.	oz.	pkt.
Conover's Colossal	50	15	8	5
The Palmetto.....	75	20	10	5

BEET

EDMAND'S BLOOD TURNIP (The reddest of all turnip beets).....	50	15	8	5
Eclipse (best early)	50	15	8	5
Golden Turnip.....	60	20	10	5
Long Smooth Dark Blood.....	50	15	8	5

VARIETIES FOR CATTLE.

Imperial Sugar.....	35	12	5	...
Mangel Wurzel, Mammoth Long Red.....	35	12	5	...
“ “ Orange Globe.....	35	12	5	...

BEAN

*By express By mail
Per qt. Per qt. pkt.

BUSH VARIETIES.

LIGHTNING (See page 7).....	35	50	10	
Golden Eyed Wax (the nearest rust proof of any wax variety)	30	45	5	
Dwarf Horticultural.....	30	45	5	
Early Valentine	30	45	5	

POLE VARIETIES.

Old Homestead (Kentucky Wonder).....	35	50	5	
Golden Cluster Wax.....	35	50	5	
London Horticultural (Speckled Cranberry).....	30	45	5	

CORN

SWEET VARIETIES

EASTMAN'S EARLY (See page 2).....	30	40	5	
EASTMAN'S EARLY, EXTRA SELECTED.....	40	50	10	
Market Garden—Good to follow Eastman's Early.....	30	40	5	
Cory	25	35	5	
Black Mexican.....	25	35	5	
Potter's Excelsior.....	25	35	5	

One planting of Eastman's Early, Market Garden and Potter's Excelsior give a good succession from mid-summer until frosts.

VARIETIES OF POP CORN

TATTOOED YANKEE (See page 3).....	35	50	5	
White Rice	25	40	5	

*At mail price, "We pay the postage." At express price, charges of transportation are paid by the purchaser.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Per lb. 1-4 lb. oz. pkt.

Dwarf Improved.....	15	5
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CABBAGE

Earliest of All.....	2 50	75	25	5
EARLY WINNIGSTADT	2 00	60	20	5
Early Jersey Wakefield.....	2 25	65	20	5
All Seasons.....	2 25	65	20	5
Danish Ball Head.....	2 50	75	25	5
Marblehead Mammoth.....	2 50	75	25	5
Premium Flat Dutch.....	1 75	50	15	5
American Savoy Improved.....	2 00	60	20	5
Mammoth Rock Red (For pickling, etc.)....	2 25	60	20	5

CARROT

Early Short Scarlet.....	80	25	10	5
OXHEART	90	30	10	5
Danvers (half long).....	90	30	10	5
Long Orange.....	70	25	10	5
Large White Belgian.....	60	20	10	5

CAULIFLOWER

SNOWBALL.....	20
Early Dwarf Erfurt.....	15
Early Paris.....	10

CELERY

WHITE PLUME.....	20	5
Giant Pascal.....	20	5
Golden Self-blanching.....	25	5
Turnip Rooted.....	20	5

CRESS

Curled Leaf.....	10	5
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CUCUMBER

Early Russian.....	1 00	30	10	5
Medium Pickling.....	1 00	30	10	5
White Spine (Peerless).....	1 00	30	10	5
Long Green Improved.....	1 00	30	10	5
Evergreen	1 00	30	10	5
Parisian Pickling.....	1 25	40	15	5

PURITY (See page 8).....	10
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EGG PLANT

	Per lb.	1-4 lb.	oz.	pkt.
Long Purple.....			30	5

ENDIVE

London Curled.....			15	5
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KALE

Scotch Curled.....			15	5
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KOHL RABI

Purple Vienna.....			25	5
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LETTUCE

Grand Rapids (best early).....			15	5
"Celery" (best lettuce for blanching).....			15	5
Boston Curled.....			15	5
Premium Cabbage.....			20	5

MUSK MELON

GRANITE STATE (See page 8) pkt. only.....				10
Rocky Ford.....	1 00	30	10	5
Jenny Lind.....	1 00	30	10	5

ONION

Queen (small and early).....	2 50	75	25	5
YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS.....	2 00	60	20	5
Red Globe Danvers.....	2 00	60	20	5
Large Red Wethersfield.....	2 25	70	25	5
Silver Skinned (true white).....	2 00	60	20	5
Prize Taker.....	2 00	60	20	5

ONION SETS.

Best Yellow, per qt, ex. 25; mail 35.

PARSLEY

Moss Curled.....			20	5
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PARSNIP

Hollow Crown.....	60	20	10	5
Turnip Rooted.....	60	20	10	5

PEPPER

Large Bell.....			25	5
Ruby King.....			25	5
Chili.....			25	5

PEA

Varieties are given about in their order of earliness. Wrinkled varieties are marked with a (*).

	—* By express—			—By mail—	
	Per bu.	peck	qt.	Per qt.	pkt.
Round Extra Early.....	7 00	2 00	35	50	5
*SURPRISE.....	7 00	2 00	30	45	5
*American Wonder.....	6 50	1 80	30	45	5
*Nott's Excelsior.....	6 50	1 80	30	45	5
*DWARF CHAMPION.....	5 50	1 50	25	40	5
*Telephone.....	6 50	1 75	30	45	5
*Champion of England.....	5 50	1 50	25	40	5
Black-Eyed Marrowfat.....	3 50	1 00	20	35	5
GIANT SCIMITAR STRING PEA			40	55	10

RADISH

	Per lb.	1-4 lb.	oz.	pkt.
EARLY SCARLET GLOBE (best early).....	60	20	10	5
Hailstone.....			10	5
ICICLE (white and crisp).....	75	25	10	5
Carter's Long Scarlet.....	60	20	10	5

SALSIFY

Sandwich Island.....	1 25	40	15	5
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SPINACH

Round Leaved.....	40	15	8	5
Prickly (for fall sowing).....	40	15	8	5
New Zealand.....	1 00	30	10	5

SQUASH

METCALF (See page 5).....	1 00	30	10	5
DELICIOUS.....	1 50	50	15	10
Early Bush Crookneck.....	75	25	10	5
HUBBARD.....	1 00	30	10	5
Golden Bronze.....	1 00	30	10	5
Faxon.....	1 00	30	10	5
Sibley.....	1 00	30	10	5
MAMMOTH CHILI (exhibition variety).....				5

HERBS

Anise.....	5	Lavender.....	5
Balm.....	5	Marjoram, sweet.....	5
Caraway.....	5	SAGE.....lb. 1 50; 1-4 lb. 50; oz. 15	5
Catnip.....	5	Summer Savory.....	5
Hoarhound.....	5	Wormwood.....	5

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SWISS CHARD

	Per lb.	1-4 lb.	oz.	pkt.
Silver Leaf.....	60	20	10	5

TOMATO

BRIGHT AND EARLY (See page 6).....	50	5
Bright and Early, Extra Selected (pkt. only)	10	
Livingstone Favorite.....	20	5
Dwarf Champion.....	25	5
Ponderosa	20	5
Pear Formed Red.....	20	5
Plum Shaped Yellow.....	20	5

TURNIP**ENGLISH VARIETIES**

Extra Early Milan.....	60	20	8	5
Purple-Top Strap-Leaf.....	50	15	8	5
Green-Top Aberdeen.....	60	20	8	5
White Egg	60	20	8	5

SWEDES OR KUTA RAGAS

PURPLE-TOP SWEDE	50	15	8	5
Carter's Elephant	50	15	8	5
Sweet German.....	50	15	8	5

WATERMELON

COLE'S EARLY	75	25	10	5
Phinney's Early.....	75	25	10	5
Citron, Red Seeded.....	75	25	10	5

Choice Flowers

Special Discounts—On Flower seeds by the pkt., 35 c. value may be selected for 25 c.; 75 c. value for 50 c.; \$1.50 value for \$1.00.

ALYSSUM

Common Sweet.....	5
Extra Dwarf.....	5

CALLIOPSIS, mixed colors .. 5

CANDYTUFT

White	5
Mixed colors	5

ASTER

Branching, white	10
“ pink	10
“ purple	10
“ mixed colors..	10
Tall varieties mixed.....	5
Dwarf Bouquet.....	5

CARNATION

Choice mixed 25 |

CONVOLVULUS

Major, “Morning Glory” .. 5

CYPRESS VINE..... 5

DIANTHUS, mixed varieties 5

BALSAM

Camellia-Flowered	5
Dwarf.....	5

ESCHSCHOLTZIA

(California Poppy) mixed.. 5

CALENDULA, mixed colors 5

EVERLASTINGS, Mixed..... 5

EASTMAN'S SEEDS

GOURDS, mixed varieties....	5	PHLOX	
HOLLYHOCK, best double..	5	White	5
MIGNONETTE	5	Mixed colors.....	5
MYOSOTIS		POPPY	
“Forget-Me-Not”	10	ALL KINDS AND COLORS....	5
MIRABILIS		Ranunculus-Flowered	5
“Four O’ clock,” mixed....	5	Peony-Flowered.....	5
NASTURTIUM		PORTULACA	
Climbing, mixed.....oz.	10	Single, mixed colors	5
Tom Thumb “	15	Best Double	10
PANSY		RICINUS, mixed varieties....	5
EASTMAN’S BEAUTIES	15	SNAPDRAGON, mix’d colors	5
EASTMAN’S GIANTS	15	STOCK (Ten Weeks)	
Snowy White	10	Best Double	5
Black Prince.....	10	SUNFLOWER	
Victoria Red.....	10	Large Double	5
President Carnot, violet		Mammoth Russian	5
with white margin.....	10	SWEET WILLIAM	
Fairy Queen. blue, edged		Best Double.....	5
with white	10	Best Single.....	5
Fire King.....	15	VERBENA	
Lord Beaconfield, purple		Fine mixed	5
shaded white.....	5	Extra choice	5
Yellow	5	ZINNA	
Fine mixed.....	5	Best Double	5
PETUNIA			
Fine mixed	5		

SWEET PEA

Blanche Burpee—pure white.....	5
Emily Henderson—white, earlier but smaller than above.....	5
Navy Blue.....	5
Apple Blossom—shaded rosy white.....	5
Lottie Eckford—lavender edged with blue	5
Oriental—rich orange salmon.....	5
Firefly—crimson scarlet	5
Mrs. Eckford—the best yellow.....	5
Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain—one of the finest striped varieties.....	5
Princess of Wales—blue and white striped.....	5
Black Knight—dark maroon.....	5
Modesty—delicate pink.....	5
Maid of Honor—white edged with blue.....	5
Blanche Ferry—standards crimson-pink, wings blush white.....	5
Red, White and Blue—best varieties of three colors mixed.....	5
Burpee’s Bush—about 18 inches high, requires no support.....	5
Good Mixed	Per lb. 35; 1-4 lb. 10; oz. 5
Special 1909 Mixture—including new varieties.....	50 15 5

PRODUCTIVE GARDENING

Cucumbers for table

2 bu. ripe Cucumbers

1 " Musk Melons

8 " Tomatoes

40 " Cabbage

15 " Ruta Baga Turnips

40 " English Turnips

10 " Beets

7 " Carrots

Good crop of Parsnips

60 Watermelons

2 cartloads Squashes

ALL FOR \$1.00

The above crops are reported by one of our customers
as the actual results from a \$1.00 seed order.